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WOMEN IN SILK INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the women labourers engaged in silk industry in the country are not facing a conducive working environment;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the quality of their working environment?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b): The working conditions of women labourers engaged in silk industry are governed by various labour laws and rules framed thereunder which are considered quite adequate.

(c): Women who are engaged in the silk reeling activity work on traditional and obsolete equipment. To improve their working conditions and their productivity, the central Silk Board has developed and is popularising low cost reeling technologies like multi-end reeling machines for mulberry sector, motorized-cum-pedal operated reeling-cum-twisting machines for the non-mulberry sector, and hot air dryers which improve working conditions by reducing drudgery, creating a smoke free atmosphere and reducing pupae smell.